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Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark visited a North Vietnamese hamlet which was reportedly hit by American aircraft less than two weeks ago and watched villagers repairing damage to a dike.

During a visit to the coastal Thai Binh province south of Hanoi on Thursday, Clark was also shown damage said to have been caused to the floodgate of Lan, as a result of several raids last month.

The densely populated province around the mouth of the Red river is an entirely flat area. According to official North Vietnamese figures, 35 sections of dikes in Thai Binh province have been damaged by bombs.

Clark, accompanied by French Professor Yves La-

coste; Nina Kaskhova, a Russian doctor, and four foreign correspondents, was taken by car along several miles of dikes to the hamlet of Nam Cuong, where eight bombs were reportedly dropped by two attacks of U.S. aircraft on July 21.

The visitors watched the villagers carrying earth to fill craters left by the bombs.

Clark, who is a member of an international inquiry commission investigating the effects of American bombing, filmed several sequences with a movie camera, including women carrying earth to repair the damaged dike and groups of people.

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